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In re the Application of:  
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Serial No.: 10/021,190

Group Art Unit: 2151

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Examiner: Frantz B. Jean

For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AD HOC NETWORKING OF COMPUTER  
USERS**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Before taking any action, in response to the Final Office Action dated April 10,  
2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.